IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled).

10. (Currently Amended) A turnbuckle device for mutually clamping two concrete shell elements across a joint therebetween, the concrete shell elements each including a frame with longitudinal and transverse struts, said turnbuckle device comprising:

means for retaining said turnbuckle device on one of the longitudinal and transverse struts and positioning said turnbuckle device across abutting edges of the concrete shell elements;

a first lock part including a stationary first claw for engaging one of the frames, the first claw being configured for direct engagement with the respective frame;

a second lock part pivotally disposed with respect to said first lock part and including a second claw configured for direct engagement with another of the frames;

arresting means for limiting a pivoting range of said second lock part in order that the second claw prevents release of the turnbuckle device from the concrete shell ~~element~~ elements and optimally limits movability of the turnbuckle device.

11. (Currently Amended) The turnbuckle device according to claim 1 wherein said arresting means ~~is~~ are further operable for enabling the turnbuckle device to be removed ~~for~~ from the concrete shell element.

12. (Currently Amended) The turnbuckle device according to claim 10 or 11 wherein said first lock part

comprises ~~comprising~~ stationary first claws and said means for retaining comprises archings, said archings protruding from inner surfaces of the stationary claws.

13. (Currently Amended) The turnbuckle device according to claim 12 wherein the ~~opposing~~ archings are offset from each other with a distance between the archings being larger than a width of the longitudinal or the transverse strut.

14. (Previously Amended) The turnbuckle device according to claim 12 wherein the archings are formed oppositely on inner surface of the stationary claws.

15. (Currently Amended) The turnbuckle device according to claim 10 or 11, wherein the retaining means comprises a shackle which projects from a rod-shaped body which holds and displaceably guides the first lock part, and the device further comprises a bolt mounting means for insertion into a first opening in the shackle.

16. (Currently Amended) The turnbuckle device according to claim 10 or 11 wherein the retaining means comprises a pivoting ~~and/or~~or tilting lever which is disposed on the stationary ~~claws~~ claw or in the region of the stationary claws.

17. (Currently Amended) The turnbuckle device according to claim 16 wherein the arresting means comprises a wedge which, ~~being~~ when displaced in the direction of force of gravity, blocks the pivotable second claw in a pivoted inner position state and clamps the turnbuckle

device for mutual clamping of two concrete shell elements, and when displaced against the force of gravity, releases the pivotable second claw for pivoting and displacement with respect to the first stationary claw.

18. (New) A turnbuckle device for mutually clamping two concrete shell elements across a joint therebetween, the concrete shell elements each including a frame with longitudinal and transverse struts, said turnbuckle device comprising:

means for retaining said turnbuckle device on one of the longitudinal and transverse struts during separation of the shell elements;

means for positioning said turnbuckle device across abutting edges of the concrete shell elements;

a first lock part including a stationary first claw for engaging one of the frames, the first claw being configured for direct engagement with the respective frame;

a second lock part pivotally disposed with respect to said first lock part and including a second claw configured for direct engagement with another of the frames;

arresting means for limiting a pivoting range of said second lock part in order that the second claw prevents release of the turnbuckle device from the concrete shell elements and optimally limits movability of the turnbuckle device.

19. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 1 wherein said arresting means are further operable for enabling the turnbuckle device to be removed from the concrete shell element.

20. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 10 or 11 wherein said first lock part comprises stationary first claws and said means for retaining comprises archings, said archings protruding from inner surfaces of the stationary claws.

21. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 12 wherein the archings are offset from each other with a distance between the archings being larger than a width of the longitudinal or the transverse strut.

22. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 12 wherein the archings are formed oppositely on inner surface of the stationary claws.

23. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 10 or 11, wherein the retaining means comprises a shackle which projects from a rod-shaped body which holds and displaceably guides the first lock part, and the device further comprises a bolt mounting means for insertion into a first opening in the shackle.

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24. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 10 or 11 wherein the retaining means comprises a pivoting or tilting lever which is disposed on the stationary claw or in the region of the stationary claws.

25. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 16 wherein the arresting means comprises a wedge which, when displaced in the direction of force of gravity, blocks the pivotable second claw in a pivoted inner position state and clamps the turnbuckle device for mutual clamping of two

concrete shell elements, and when displaced against the force of gravity, releases the pivotable second claw for pivoting and displacement with respect to the first stationary claw.

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